

WHEREAS, water follows a natural cycle from earth to air to earth again; and

WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need of every living creature; and

WHEREAS, our health, comfort, and standard of living depend upon an abundant supply of safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Washington should have a safe and dependable supply of water, now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, we are calling upon each citizen to help protect our source waters from pollution, practice water conservation, and get involved in local water issues;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of May 2-8, 2004, as

Drinking Water Week

in Washington State and I urge citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 31st day of March, 2004

Governor Gary Locke